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SOME PHIL-MONTERS
DISCOVER A NEW TOY



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Amateur Radio License Examinations - the first non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—doors close at 6:30 p.m. - *SHARP!*

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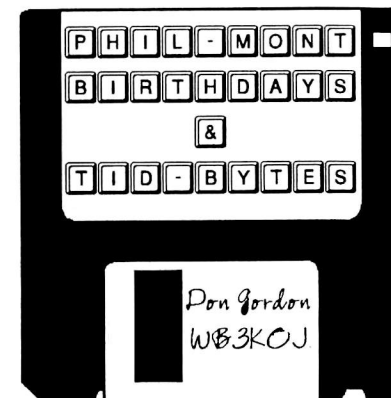
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NET SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	09:30	147.030	MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET
LAST WED	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	W3TKQ OPERATORS' NET

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Ed Masarsky - KB3IV
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- 14 Bill Mescanti, Jr. - WB3KUR
- 19 George DeSimone - K3YOD
Gladys Fisher (XYL K2JF)
- 22 Alma Mostrogiovanni (XYL KD3MT*)
- 24 Phil Swartz - N3RBX*
- 28 Charlie Stouth - W3ZPP
- 31 Dick Klein - W3WXC
*New Member 1993-94



MEMBERSHIP STATS

174 Regular
18 Family
3 Honorary
11 Pending

DIRECTORY SUPPLEMENT

The mid-year supplement to the 1994 PMRC Membership Directory is included with this issue. In addition to new listings, members who have changed their call or address are also noted. If you have changes please note them on your 1995 Dues Invoice, which will be included with your December *Blurb*.

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership? Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club, contact the Treasurer, Dave Witkowski, N3KGG for details.

NOW I REALLY DON'T LIKE ARRL!

According to N3AXJ, the September QST (p70) says that "DESTINATED" is now a "HAMISM" and is OK to use. If it is, then "Good Buddy" and "What's Your 20?" must also be Kosher! When "deese tings" gets to be all right it's time to say "Seventy-terds and go back to girl watching as a hobby!"

UPCOMING

Oct 5 General Meeting Program:
Slow-Scan TV
Al Tribble, W3STW

Oct 6 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute

Oct 19 Directors' Meeting
at C H I Institute
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**Nov 2** General Meeting

**Nov 3** License Examinations at  
The Franklin Institute

**Nov 9** Directors' Meeting at  
W3STW's  
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Dec 1 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute

Dec 7 General Meeting

Nov 14 Directors' Meeting at
N3FVI's

HAMFESTS

Oct 2 WARRINGTON, PA
Pack Rats

Oct 9 LINCROFT, NJ
Shore Area Hamfest

Oct 16 BENSLEM, PA
Penn Wireless Association

Oct 23 SELLERSVILLE, PA
RF Hill ARC

CLUB INFORMATION

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(215) 448-1139

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must present positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. **The ARRL VEC's 1994 test fee is \$5.75; there is no charge for a Novice test.**

• The FRANKLIN INSTITUTE

Monthly, 1st Thursday—Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q
(215) 879-0505 day, (215) 482-0386 home

• BELLMAWR, NJ

Monthly, 3rd Thursday—Bill Helmatag
(609) 546-7710

• BRYN MAWR

Irregularly—Bob Lees
(215) 265-6032

• LEVITTOWN

Monthly, 1st Saturday—George LeNoir, WR3B
(215) 943-4886

• LINWOOD, PA—(Commercial & Amateur Exams.)

Quarterly—Barb Levine, AA3DV
(215) 859-9210, (302) 792-7760 home

• MORRISVILLE

Monthly, 3rd Thursday—Dave Munson, NM3K
(215) 788-7515

• POTTSTOWN

Monthly, 1st Monday—Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
(215) 679-5764

• TELFORD

Monthly, 3rd Monday—Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
(215) 679-5764

• UNIVERSITY OF PA

Monthly, Last Saturday—Garrett Klein, WZ3G
(215) 898-8538 shack, (215) 222-8752 home

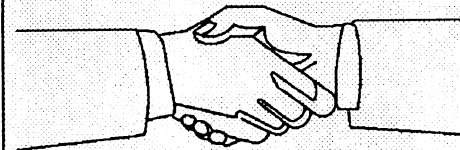
• WARMINSTER

Odd Months, Last Wed.—Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
(215) 343-3494

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prospective hams



NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

CALL:

NAME:

HANDLE:

CLASS:

ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE:

BUSINESS PHONE:

OCCUPATION:

INTERESTS:

AA3DV

Barbara Levine

Barb

Extra

Box 426

Newcastle, DE

19720

(302) 792-7760

(302) 792-7760

Student

VE Testing

CALL:

NAME:

HANDLE:

CLASS:

ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE:

BUSINESS PHONE:

OCCUPATION:

INTERESTS:

N3KQH

Roxolanda Czorpita

Roxanne

Technician Plus

7210 Bradford Street

Philadelphia, PA

19149

(215) 331-8926

(215) 955-6513

Records Clerk

Records Clerk

CALL:

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HANDLE:

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HOME PHONE:

BUSINESS PHONE:

OCCUPATION:

INTERESTS:

N3RUG

Richard Lund

Rich

Technician

6246 Pennway Street

Philadelphia, PA

19124

(215) 535-6123

(215) 580-5110

Elet. Specialist

W3TKQ, Membership, Sunshine

CALL:

NAME:

HANDLE:

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ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE:

BUSINESS PHONE:

OCCUPATION:

INTERESTS:

N3SHM

James Lamont

Jim

Technician

4708 Sheldon Street

Philadelphia, PA

19127

(215) 483-8843

(215) 483-8843

Student

W3TKQ

CALL:

NAME:

HANDLE:

CLASS:

ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE:

BUSINESS PHONE:

OCCUPATION:

INTERESTS:

N2SQA

Scott O'Donnell

Scott

Technician

1817 Ripley Street

Philadelphia, PA

19111

(215) 742-0325

(215) 742-0325

Student

W3TKQ

CALL:

NAME:

HANDLE:

CLASS:

ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE:

BUSINESS PHONE:

OCCUPATION:

INTERESTS:

N3TAL

Dean Spare

Dean

Technician Plus

908 Tyson Avenue,

Philadelphia, PA

19111

(215) 745-3031

(215) 745-3031

Retired Principal

W3TKQ

CALL:

NAME:

HANDLE:

CLASS:

ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE:

BUSINESS PHONE:

OCCUPATION:

INTERESTS:

NU3Y

Joe Pearlstein

Joe

Extra

7210 Bradford Street,

Philadelphia, PA

19149

(215) 331-8926

(215) 331-8926

Elet. Specialist

W3TKQ, VE Testing

THE W 3 T K Q REPORT

The station survived the summer well without any major equipment malfunctions, with the exception of the Rupp SWR meter, which is on its way to be repaired.

Summer is over, and soon it will be ham radio weather outside. If you are thinking of building a project this winter, we might have just what you are looking for at W3TKQ. Al and Steve (W3STW & WU3I) have been busy with an interesting project that uses a small interface box, that can be built for less than 30 dollars worth of parts, to operate slow scan TV. The box is connected to your rig and computer, for an inexpensive way to get on SSTV. The software, JVFAX7 is freeware from DK8JV. If you would like more information, be sure to come to the next meeting where Al will give a demonstration of SSTV, or stop in and see it at W3TKQ. I found another similar program; HAMCOM, but haven't tried it yet. If you would like a copy, leave a message at W3TKQ, and I will get it to you.

[100043,2140] Lib: 6 JVFAX7.ARJ/Bin Bytes: 734591, Count: 193, 28-Aug-94

Title : JVFAX 7.0 SSTV/FAX program for PCs An easy to use SSTV and FAX receive/ transmit program which can also be used for weather chart or weather satellite reception. Many 'new' SSTV modes, such as Martin 1, Scottie etc. Can be operated with a minimum of hardware requirement. Uploaded by author (DK8JV, Germany)

HAMCOM.EXE/Bin Bytes: 428130, Count: 166, 10-Jul-94 Title : Support RTTY, AMTOR, Morse & more with PC Supports reception and transmission of RTTY, AMTOR ARQ/FEC, SITOR A/B, NAVTEX and Morse Code using a simple one op-amp interface connected to your serial port. All the parts necessary cost less than \$5 at Radio Shack. This program works GREAT!! You can contact the author through internet email at @"schroeder.padsni.de".

'Hope to see you at W3TKQ!
—Bill Popovic, N3FVI

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Bob Wilcox, KE3CZ, Secretary



KB3IV (Tyrant, to his friends) opened the 536th General Meeting with the threat of doing it until he gets it right. Being we are closing in on that time of the year folks, remember to vote!

Meeting was called to order at 7:51 p.m.— late again. Ed declared the official end of summer. (Tyrants can do that.) Ed also announced that Choices Forum *should* be the next meeting site.

N3KGG for Treasury: Even this late in the year, the club is doing fairly well. The numbers were announced, meeting with the satisfaction of those present. Thanks, Dave.

AA3BB, for his Membership Committee, welcomed two new members, N2WHO—Joyce (Who?) and KD3MT—Frank. He also delivered various badges, certificates and other membership material. There will be 4 applications to vote on at the next Board Meeting.

W3BBB was called on for his highly technical, totally informative and clearly worded report on the repeater... "It's working."

'IV asked for additional stations to take a slot in the Net rotation, and also thanked those that have been helping out.

AA3EP, for Special Events, made his last-effort plea for help for the MS-150. If you missed it this year, remember that this is an annual event, and you can always get in there next year and lend a hand.

WU3I, for the W3TKQ report, thanked KC2HX for the donation of a monitor to be used with the slow scan setup. KA4LIF and WU3I did the required antenna work, with the donation of flexweave wire for the dipoles by LIF... Thanks Tom. 'IV made another plea for help as Volunteer Operators are something that we can always use at The Institute. He noted that W3TKQ is one of the few manned exhibits at The Institute, and thanked all volunteers for their efforts. (That little Tyrant guy can get pretty thankful sometimes.)

N3PDO for Welcoming: There were 34 members and 16 visitors attending. The visitors were Maureen McCloskey—N3SQC, Roxolana Czorpita—N3KQH, Joe Perlstein—NU3Y, Charlye Johnson—WN3PDB, Anna Popovic, Mark Mihm—WB3EPD, Jim Lamont—N3SHM, Rich Patterson—KD3WT, Bob Graves, Austin Gutman—W3FOG, Martin Weinberg, Pat Kelly, Michael Taraborelli, Dean Spare—N3TAL, Michael Littman, Dick Moore—N8DM, and Dee Moore. Thanks to all for coming out.

50-50 was sold by the best we ever had at the job, Anna Popovic. The winning ticket was drawn by N3PWT and won by N8DM, Dick Moore.

The Meeting was then turned over to Bob Graves, of Bell Atlantic, who gave an interesting and informative look into the Information Superhighway.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. ☺

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER DIRECTORS' MEETING

Bob Wilcox, KE3CZ, Secretary

KB3IV called the Meeting, held at CHI Institute, to order at 8:05 p.m. The unruly mob assembled consisted of KB3IV, K3KUD, W3STW, WU3I, W3BBB, AA3EP, WB3KOJ, W3RM, N3KGG, W3GQD, N3DHI, K3GNM and KE3CZ.

The first thing established was that next month's Mid-Month would also be held at CHI.

The Treasurer, N3KGG, gave his report as follows: Starting Balance (9/7) \$1,310.42, Income \$151.50, Expenditures \$176.60, Balance (9/21) \$1,285.32. All bills as of the report were paid, and with the remaining months left, it was determined that we might be able to make it.

K3KUD reported that he was getting ready to whip the Budget/Audit Committee into shape in November. KB3IV thanked Bob for all the work he has done with this committee in the past, and was looking forward to the upcoming sessions (well maybe he didn't put it that way).

WB3KOJ, the Packet Master without a TNC, reported that the roster supplement would be in this very issue of the *Blurb*. After a few minutes of harassing Donald, we decided he deserved it, and did it a little longer.

'BBB for the Emergency Committee: "None."

KB3IV for the Absent AA3BB and the Membership Committee: There were four applicants to vote on: Tom Scott-KA4LIF, Bob Daggit-N3SYK, Marjorie Mendelson-N3SPZ and Martin Weinberg-(callsign pending). A motion to accept was made by 'BBB, seconded by WU3I, they were voted in. Welcome to all. 'KOJ remarked that 7 applications were pending for next month.

KB3IV, for Net Control, said that there was a need for stations to lend a hand. Call Ed if you can pitch in. A renewed discussion about adding a net prior to the CW Net on Tuesday nights was discussed. If you have any input, or desire to help out, give Ed a call. W3RM said that there was a need for some more CW net control stations.

AA3EP reported that the MS-150 went well, and that 22 PMRC members helped out. He thanked Phil-Mont, and 'IV thanked both him and Russ, AA3CH, for the fine job they continue to do.

'BBB for the repeater. "it's working." (Could have called this one with some certainty.)

WU3I for the VE program, reported that there has been a great interest by Phil-Monsters, er, Monsters, to become VEs. Dusty, ND3Q, welcomes all that would like to help out.

WU3I for the W3TKQ report: the watt meter had been removed and sent for repairs. He also reported the slow scan setup will be finished as soon as he received authorization to purchase the needed memory for the computer. Since there was ample money in the 'TKQ operating fund, a motion by 'BBB, seconded by W3RM, was made to buy the memory chips. There were no dissenting voices.

With the news of increased operating costs, which include maintenance, insurance, *Blurb* printing, and the anticipated rise in postal rates, the Board voted to raise the 1995 dues from 18 dollars to an even 20 dollars. The motion was made by W3RM and seconded by K3KUD. All were in favor. Family rates will go to 10 dollars.

All this done, the motion to adjourn was made by WB3KOJ, seconded by WU3I, and we was outta there. ☺

IT AIN'T BROKE

"If it ain't broke don't fix it," my father liked to say. It was a phrase that was most likely to come up after some mechanical misadventure. Like the time he decided to waterproof the neon flasher depth finder by soaking it in WD-40.

I am reminded of that maxim when I hear reports that the Coast Guard wants to shut down Loran-C, the world's most popular radionavigation system. The move to shut it down is prompted, like so many government actions these days, by cost-cutting motives. So consider this: According to the Dept. of Defense, domestic Loran-C costs the government about \$20 million annually to operate; by contrast, minimum GPS services are now costing about \$400 million per year. What's more, it is a fact that loran is more accurate than GPS in returning to pre-plotted positions. For the majority of small-boat owners, loran offers a truly cost-effective method of electronic navigation. The price of one loran receiver is less than half of a GPS.

That's not the end of it. Loran is a civilian positioning-finding system. GPS is military, and because of this it is subject to the dictates of the military, like being turned off on short notice. Or having the signal purposely degraded so that the system can't be used by foreign powers to nuke the U.S. To correct the built-in inaccuracies of the 'Selective Availability' GPS signal, the Coast Guard is spending a big bundle of your dollars to create something called differential GPS. Eventually we will all have to junk our current GPS receiver to get one with differential capability.

Meanwhile my five-year-old \$250 Apelco Loran-C puts me right on the entrance-channel marker of my marina time after time. Yet the Coast Guard wants to turn the system off. You figure! ☹

Editorial by Oliver S. Moore III Publishing Director, Yachting

NO MORE MORSE

The July 1994 issue of "Ocean Voice", the journal of the INMARSAT organization, reports that the U.S. Coast Guard will discontinue all weather and other broadcasts via Morse code as of July 1, 1995. Last year, the U.S. Coast Guard closed down their 500 kHz CW distress frequency watch they had monitored for 70 years!

The W5YI Report via KE3CZ

CHANGING FACE OF U.S. HAM RADIO

Amateur Radio Growth, Last 10 years:

CLASS:	1984	1994	INCREASE
Novice	80461	93797	+ 16.6%
Technician	79950	235484	+ 194.5%
General	116804	124589	+ 6.7%
Advanced	97084	111587	+ 14.9%
Extra	35624	65942	+ 85.1%
Total	409923	631399	+ 54.0%

Ten years ago, most amateurs held General and higher class tickets. The majority of amateurs today hold Novice and Technician ham radio licenses.

The W5YI Report via KE3CZ



To The Editor
From George Starks, AA2FU

Four years ago I acquired my Technician Class license, and joined The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club. I upgraded to Extra at a Phil-Mont session in 1991, and became a VE.

I have been working with Dusty at the VE sessions ever since, including our landmark 100th test session.

I operated W3TKQ on Sundays with KT3Z, when we had the Drake equipment, and continued to operate as a volunteer after this great club pulled together under the watchful eye of the late AK2I, and rebuilt the station to the magnificent station that it is today.

Most of you know that my family and I are moving out of the area because I have been transferred to FT. Campbell, KY. I made this announcement on the nets on 8-14-94, but some of my friends, that I haven't heard on the nets in a while, may not know, so I felt I should let them know by means of the club publication.

I have made many friends here, and will miss each and every one of them, and will keep in touch by means of the nets, whenever possible.

It is with mixed emotions that I say good-bye. With sadness that I leave old friends behind, and happy that I'll be back home, and have an opportunity to make, and work with, new friends in this great hobby.

To all at Phil-Mont 73

Sam's
CORNER

Do the new
FCC rules
permit drug
buys on
2-meters?



113TH MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS SEPTEMBER

15 candidates took 29 elements
4 new amateurs plus 3 upgrades

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

Russ Stafford, AA3CH; Bob Wilcox, KE3CZ; George Walmsley, WO3D;

Barb Levine, AA3DV; George Starks, AA2FU; Steve Hoch, WU3I;

Wally Newell, K3JJO; Al Tribble, W3STW;

Joel Kleinguenther, KA3SWU; Bob Freer, W3YLT

AMATEUR LICENSE EXAMS HELD ON THE FIRST
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Registration begins at 6:00 PM

Doors close at 6:30 PM sharp

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HIS GOLF AND
FISHING MAY
IMPROVE...OR...
HE CAN USE IT
ON HIS NEXT
VISIT TO THE
AMAZON! THNX TO WAZYDS



TECHNICAL TALK

"Different approaches being tried..."

Nobody knows what the heck to do.

"Preliminary tests inconclusive..."

Prototype exploded when we hit the switch.

"Rugged..."

Too heavy to move without a forklift.

"Lightweight..."

Not quite as heavy as "rugged."

"Let's discuss this..."

so I can blame you when it doesn't work.

"Entire concept abandoned..."

The only person who understood it has quit.

"All new..."

Completely incompatible with whatever you already have.

"No maintenance..."

Impossible to repair.

"Energy-efficient..."

Doesn't work long enough at a stretch to use much electricity.

"Many years of development..."

We finally got it to work.

Freely adapted from Indiana County ARC SINE OF THE TIMES via MARC's REMARCS



Shoichi Nishi, JH6NBW/NH2H
a recent visitor from Japan, at W3TKQ.

You and your car phone (or your mobile rig!)

Safe driving tips for cellular phone owners

Safety and security. According to a national survey, those are the two most important reasons why people own cellular phones today. But, while you may use your car phone to report car trouble, crimes or medical emergencies, you need to be a safe driver, too.

Because National Public Services Research Institute studies show a driver's concentration drops 20 percent when dialing a phone, and 33 percent when involved in a complicated conversation, here are some tips for you to follow to minimize distraction, and improve your safety, while on the road:

- Be aware of all traffic conditions and road hazards before answering or making a call.
- If you have a passenger, ask him or her to place the call. If not, use the memory dialing function, or pause between digits, rather than dialing the entire phone number at once.
- Reduce your driving speed while on the phone.
- If driving in dangerous weather, or heavy traffic, use your voice mailbox option to pick up all incoming calls.
- Never attempt to write while driving.
- If your conversation is intense, make the call only when parked.

Most important, remember that driving safely is your main priority. Drive defensively, and obey all traffic laws... buckle up and stay within the speed limit.

Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association via W3VVS

THANK YOU FROM MS

Thank you to all who volunteered for the M.S.-150 Bike Tour. As always you did a great job. I hope you all had a good time and enjoyed the beautiful weather. Thanks to the 22 members of Phil-Mont who made the job a little easier, and it was really nice to see some new faces out there.

The tour had over three thousand riders and hundreds of volunteers, eighty-five which were hams from different clubs in PA and NJ. The Phil-Mont members were N3KGG, K3JJO, N3NLR, N3FTC, WU3I, KA3WWK, KB2ERL, N3RPW, N3GMH, N3FVI, WB3KOJ, WB3KOH, AA3EP, KE3OP, K3EUI, W3YLT, NS3Y, AA3CH, KA2FFP, K3PHC, N3PSO, N3IEI, WN3PDB.

Thanks again for a job well done, and we hope that you can make it again next year.

Charlie, AA3EP

Route Boss M.S.-150 Bike Tour
Special Events Committee

Sept. 1, 1994

Dear Russ,

We appreciate you informing us about the test at The Franklin Institute. However, we have already passed, and are waiting to receive our license. I passed that Saturday after the course, and Debbie passed her novice written, and passed the rest this last Saturday.

Thank you for being our teacher! You were really brave!

Sincerely,

Becky Rohrmayer N3???

Debbie Rohrmayer N3???

Proposed new "Family Radio Service"

According to the W5YI Report (August 1) the Radio Shack Division of Tandy Corporation filed a Petition for Rule Making with the FCC to use UHF spectrum for a new Family Radio Service (FRS) "without the burdensome licensing and technical requirements of existing radio services."

"Parents will have an extra measure of security by using FRS to monitor their children at play," Tandy said. "Families and friends will be able to maintain close contact at sporting events, shopping malls, parks and between vehicles during trips. Impromptu groups will be able to communicate conveniently using FRS for activities such as fund raising and social events."

FRS would use 500mW radios on 16 channels in the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS), a licensed personal radio service for individual use (FCC Part 95A). GMRS has eight "primary" frequency pairs at 462 and 467 MHz for repeater and direct (simplex) communications, seven low-power, direct-only "interstitial" frequencies at 462 MHz in between the primary frequencies, and 7 interstitial frequencies at 467 MHz in reserve for advanced systems.

GMRS was one of the earliest mobile radio services, predating CB and most of the business services by many years. The licensing rate in GMRS has increased as the cost of GMRS equipment has come down, and as more GMRS repeaters go on the air across the country.

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IT'S YOUR CLUB!

Steve Hoch, WU3I

This could be about any club. A golf club, a sporting club, even a fishing club. BUT IT'S ABOUT YOUR CLUB!!!

An organization is only as strong as the members. When a call to action comes, the members are counted on to respond, and respond they do. Unfortunately, it's the same members time after time.

As of the August *Blurb* there are 184 members and 6 pending members. To volunteer for a special event, or to operate W3TKQ, you don't even have to be a member. The urge to help out is all that's needed.

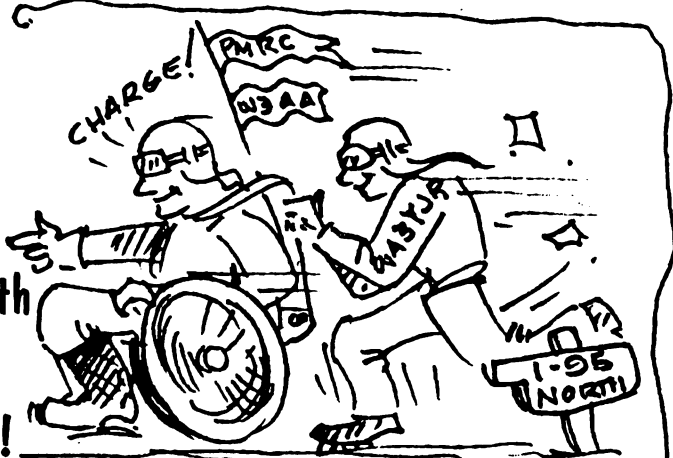
Phil-Mont is involved in a number of "causes" that require *volunteers*, however the call is not always heeded. I could write a long article extolling the virtues of those who help out when the call comes, but that's not why they do it. So I am calling on each and every *member* of this club, *It's your*

club, it's been here for 45 years, and it needs your help. You, the members of Phil-Mont, have a responsibility to yourselves, the community and your club. In the past several years there have been many unopposed elections for club officers. The newer (younger) members decline to become involved, and the older members have done their part. Then the newer members complain about the "old guard" running the show, but refuse to help out by running for office.

You have the power to change all that. During the next month the Nominating Committee will be looking for *volunteers* to run for office. Let's make their job easy. When the committee is announced, pick up the phone and volunteer to run for an office. You will have the power to change the things you think need changing and find out how *your club* works. ☺

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Hal never misses the holidays with his family and friends!



The Southern Reporter

Howard "Gil" Gilpin, W3SRU

I recently completed a 140 mile voyage on the Mariner (Ex Nikki Hoy) to Clewiston, on Lake Okeechobee. She behaved like a champ, and I consider that I have completed an apprentice seamanship, in that I went through 6 locks, docked about a dozen times, and encountered foul weather, etc.!

The trip was very nice. I took 5 days, stopping at a river-edge motel in LaBelle, both going and returning, and staying 2 days in Clewiston. Friends of mine have a catamaran yacht which they live on, at the LaBelle motel. They go to the Keys and Bahamas on it during the winter.

Going through the locks was very interesting. You call the lockmaster on [VHF] Channel 16, and wait until he adjusts the water level. At one lock the change in level

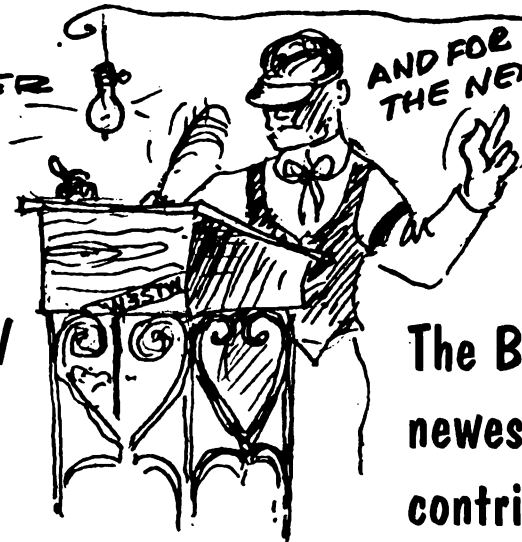
is 8 feet. When you are given the go ahead, you enter the lock, go over to the side, and grab one of the many dock lines hanging there. There is an inrush of water that you have to adjust for. After the water level adjusts, the gates are opened and you go on your way.

When Bob, N2RM and Dick, N8DM come down at Christmas, I will pick them up at the Pineland Marina one day, take them over to show them your Useppa home, and go over to Cabbage Key for lunch. By then the afternoon thunderstorms will not be a problem

The state FEMA and Lee County Emergency Management funded the purchase of a brand new tower trailer for our RACES operation here. They also provided us with a 4WD Bronco to haul it! ☺

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The Blurb's newest contributor.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 2M NCS KB3IV 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS W3PWG <i>Pack Rats Hamfest</i>	3	4 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3RM	5 ● GENERAL MEETING at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts after 7:30	6 LICENSE EXAMS at The Franklin Institute Registration begins at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 p.m. <i>sharp!</i>	7	8 / 1
9 2M NCS N3FTY 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS AA3CH <i>Shore Area Hamfest</i>	10 <i>Columbus Day</i>	11 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM N3ALW	12	13	14 <i>Dwight Eisenhower 1890</i>	15
16 2M NCS W3GQD 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS NEEDED <i>Penn Wireless Hamfest</i>	17	18 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM N3FVI	19 ○ DIRECTORS' MEETING at C H I Institute	20 <i>Orionid Meteor Shower</i>	21	22
23 2M NCS NS3Y 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS KB3IV <i>RF Hill Hamfest</i>	24 <i>United Nations Day</i>	25 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM K3JJO	26  OPERATORS' NET at 8 PM	27 <i>Theodore Roosevelt 1858</i>	28	29
30  2M NCS W3BBB 10M NCS W3HFY 75M NCS W3BBB <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i>	31  <i>Halloween</i>			What is moral is what you feel good after. <i>Ernest Hemingway</i>		